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Jim Walters new SAC president; only 458 of 2,330 students vote

All the world a classroom

The first day of spring brought bright sunny skies and high temperatures last week and some instructors took advantage of it. Jane Murphy, English instructor, held this class in Manera Court. The first taste of spring went away over the weekend with the advent of rain and cooler temperatures. Students and instructors are looking forward to a return of the fair weather.

(Photo by Saccone)

Jim Walters, a first year business administration student, has been elected president of the new Student Administrative Council (SAC) which takes office April 1.

The Business Party captured six of the seven offices, thus creating a broken slate. The voter turnout was slightly better than last year, with 458 students — from a student body of 2,330 — turning out to vote.

Jim received a total of 178 votes, and his opponents, Bev Morin, a second year personnel management student, and Keith Neve, a radio and television student, received 152 and 128 votes, respectively.

Also elected from the business party slate were: Ken Wegelin as executive vice-president; Taz Blackadder, vice-president for internal affairs; Norm Perreault, vice-president for external affairs; John Balenovich, vice-president for athletics; and Joanne Wilcox, club convener.

The only candidate elected not from the business party was Mark Anderson, vice-president of finance. Though he is also a business student, Mark was a member of the "unnamed" slate.

By JOANNE BULANDA
Staff Writer

Three students running as next year's president of the Student Administrative Council (SAC) promised to try to rid Niagara College of student apathy and to improve relations with satellite campuses.

It was a special campaign meeting held in the Hamilton Room last Tuesday, but of more than 2,300 full-time day students enrolled at Niagara, only 50 attended.

The offices being contested were: president, executive vice-president, vice-president of finance, vice-president of athletics, vice-president of internal affairs, vice-president of external affairs and club convener.

Two slates and two independent candidates campaigned for the positions. Sixteen candidates in all contested the elections. Voting took place last Thursday in the cafeteria on the main campus and at the satellite campuses.

Bev Morin, candidate for president from the "unnamed " slate, said she would like to establish a student advisory committee for "a better insight into the wants of the students in an endeavor to bring it (SAC) closer to the students."

"Unification of the students" is the goal of **Keith Neve**, second year radio and television student campaigning as an independent for president. He wants to create more school spirit and interest at the satellite campuses because they "don't feel they're a part" of Niagara College. He supported his status as an independent by asking, "What will happen to a slate if it's split?"

Jim Walters, of the Business Party slate, said, "I have a sincere interest in the plight of the student body at Niagara College." He felt no one on the floor was in the position to make promises but should concentrate on what can be done in the future.

TWO SLATES

The business party consisted of seven first year business administration students: Jim, Taz Blackadder, John Balenovich, Norm Perreault, Ken Wegelin, Valerie Nieuwesteeg, and Joanne Wilcox.

The "unnamed" slate consisted of: Bev, second year personnel and industrial relations; Terry Thompson, second year financial management; Mark Anderson, second year business administration and financial management; Kevin Karpenchick, second year data processing; Kelly Phillip, second year business administration and personnel management; Maureen Stocker, marketing management; and Karen McClory, first year secretarial arts.

Bev Morin said she would act as representative of the college if elected. She would like to see revision of the constitution, floating meetings at the satellite campuses and the establishment of nine student advisory committees which would give SAC a better insight into the wants of the students.

Keith who said there was more school spirit at the individual satellite campuses than at the college generally, said, "We have the people; we have the knowledge. All we need is to bring them together."

He pledged himself to be willing to work with anyone "because I want to work for students."

Jim said it was his intention to work with the students "to develop a true college atmosphere." The main campus and

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Easier to sit than vote

Elections come and go but there still seems to be the same problem — voter turnout.

A survey was taken in the cafeteria where the election was held last Thursday and 200 students were asked whether they had voted. About 50 per cent had.

The main reason for a lack of voters seemed to the inability of many students to rise from their chairs to walk over to the voting table and cast their ballots.

Upon entering the Black Walnut building, students were confronted by tables set up for the purpose of filling out income tax returns; this made it confusing for students who wanted to vote.

Five people were glad to vote after being questioned and pointed in the right direction.

Barbara da Costa, executive vice-president of SAC and a poll clerk, said, "approximately 300 voted last year." The unofficial count as of 1 p.m. Thursday was 250 votes of more than 2,300 students at the college. Last year's figures were 270 from the main campus and 66 at the satellites.

Comments such as, "No one really cares," and, "I'm not coming back next year anyway" were given.

One student said, "They (the candidates) should come to the cafeteria, where the students are, to campaign. We shouldn't have to look for them."

Jackie hopes layoffs few, tries to meet union today

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, says she does not expect many faculty layoffs due to budget cuts and is hopeful all information pertaining to possible layoffs will be completed so a meeting with union officials can be arranged for today.

Administration and union leaders will study possible staff reductions before specific names and numbers are released. Miss Robarts expects to inform everyone affected by budget restraints by Wednesday.

The Niagara News erroneously reported that the names of faculty members to be laid off would be announced last Tuesday. The News apologizes to the college administration and union leaders for any inconvenience caused as a result of the article.

The impending layoffs are a direct consequence of provincial operating grants which increased by about seven per cent, forcing the college administration to make spending reductions in the coming year.

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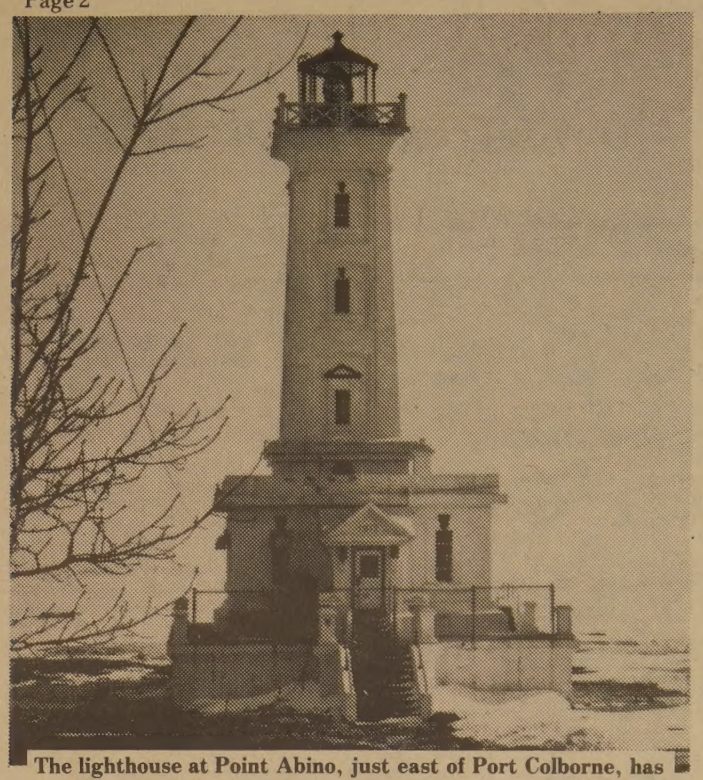

The lighthouse at Point Abino, just east of Port Colborne, has long been one of the most beautiful sights of the Niagara peninsula. (Photo by Byng)

Teachers' holidays will vary from hard work to leisure

By LEWIS SILVESTRI
Staff Writer

The second term will end April 25 and most students will retreat from the rigors of their programs to the peace and quiet of a summer vacation or, in most cases, the bliss of finding summer employment and trying to make vast sums of cash to return here in the fall. But, what about the instructors?

Some, including James Heron, Mathematics co-ordinator, may teach summer school classes. He will have a "very busy summer" and "not much time for golf." Mr. Heron is an avid golfer who plays at Look-out-point country club.

This summer he will be involved in text review, visiting various industries, preparing student information sheets, reviewing exemption requests, updating his program and attending various meetings and course reviews.

Paul Firlotte, interior design co-ordinator, has yet to make definite plans but there is a possibility of making a documentary film in conjunction with the Audio Visual and Radio and Television departments. He has planned to film the interior and exterior of historic buildings and homes at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

PARIS IN JULY

There is the possibility of taking some interior design students to Paris in July for a four-week course offered through the Parson's School of Design in New York city. Two courses would be offered to the students. "The history of French Architecture" and a "Study of Interior and Decorative Art." The problem with the trip will be the funding for the students.

Erika Church, English instructor, will keep an equal level of work and leisure. She says she will "keep in touch with my body, in touch with nature. Keep my fingers to the soil." She will be working in her garden learning "wisdom of beets and butterflies."she runs and jogs frequently and will enter a few competitive races "for fun." As for work she will be reviewing her course and reading a lot. "I already have a selected book list."

Some instructors will have a more leisurely time of it. George Blazetich, chairman of liberal arts, will take his seven-year-old son, David, up north for a fishing trip. Both are avid fishermen. Mr. Blazetich also plans to relax swimming in his pool with his children and to read a lot. He will be busy updating his Modern History and Western Civilization courses with new information.

Joanne Baernstien, English instructor, will be working on her novel. She is always very busy with ceramics and this should continue to keep her busy. She will also be going to Florida to visit her mother.

Diasagreement over

Life insurance for students

PRO

By JIM DAVID
Staff Writer

Students who want to save money in a way that guarantees a high rate of return for the dollar with the added benefit of creating an estate should buy life insurance, says Jack Willes, life insurance agent of 27 years.

Mr. Willes said young people are finding that for a few dollars of their earning power, they can protect themselves and their future families.

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Mr. Willes, an executive for Manufacturer (Manu) Life Insurance, said one of the main reasons for buying life insurance is to pay off both financial and moral obligations.

He said life insurance is a good investment for students, as opposed to putting money in the bank because there may not be enough money in his account should the student die prematurely. With life insurance, he said, there would be more than enough to cover the costs.

Life insurance can be used as collateral to strengthen loans, protect parents if a student dies prematurely, assigned to banks, a death benefit, and as a means of proving financial responsibility.

According to Manu Life statistics, 14 of every 1,000 students die each year, and, Mr. Willes said"it is a matter of which 14."

Mr. Willes recommends a basic whole life contract paid up at 65, with a large amount of convertable term rider. This gives the student an immediate sizeable estate for little cash outlay.

"We do not make cold calls," Mr. Willes said. All the insurance his company sells is through letters explaining their intentions and through policy holders who have told other people.

He said the recommended basic life at 65 builds substantial cash values that minimize the over-all cost of the contract, and builds in emergency cash and dividend value that can be used.

Mr. Willes, comparing life insurance premiums with fire, car, and liability premiums, said with the right kind of insurance a policy holder can get back all the money paid into it with interest. With the other insurance, the other person is insured, not the policy holder, and the monies paid in cannot be redeemed if the policy is not used.

Most students buy insurance with their parents assistance so both parties know what they are getting, he said. There is no high pressure sale and the choice is left entirely to the student.

Mr. Willes said life insurance is selling well because in a recession people become more conscious of financial and moral obligations.

He said his company is always interested in talking to college students about buying insurance and the possibility of a "very rewarding career" working for the company.

CON

By TIM BYNG
Staff Writer

Niagara College students do not need life insurance and should not buy it, says Willard Wright, Human Relations instructor.

Mr. Wright, who teaches a Consumer Studies course designed to help people make the most of their money in the marketplace, said life insurance is basically "a way of spreading risk over many people."

All life insurance sold to individuals is based on mortality tables calculated by actuaries, and these tables reveal the number of people, male and female, in a particular age group, who will die that year. "When you're buying life insurance, you're paying for a certain amount of coverage for a certain length of time," Mr. Wright said.

Students should be wary of life insurance salesmen who try to tell them what insurance they need, he said. The salesman is actually trying to sell the policy he'll make the most money on, because his company will pay him more money if he sells the policy they want sold.

PUSH POLICY

A salesman will try to sell a student policy A rather than policy B because he will make more money if he sells the former.

"There will always be somebody who loses money upon the death of someone else, and life insurance heals this financial loss," Mr. Wright said.

"Although this sounds grim," he said, "you must assume that the person will die tonight." Students do not need life insurance because if they die, there's little financial loss.

But a married man with children would definitely need life insurance because his death would be a "catastrophic loss to the entire family," both emotionally and financially, Mr. Wright said.

The chances of a student dying are not very great, he said, and even a married person's chances of living are much better than his chances of dying. "But married men cannot afford to take the risk." A student can afford the risk because he has fewer responsibilities.

TAKE GAMBLE

It's better for students to gamble that they will live, and take the money they would have put into insurance and deposit it in a savings account, or invest it in Canada Savings Bonds, where it will earn more interest, he said.

Children do not need to be insured because it is expected that they will live and grow up. But even if a child should die, the financial loss is still negligible.

Most people do not have "enough of the right kind of life insurance they need," Mr. Wright said. But most couples do not like planning life insurance because "it centres on the death of both of them." People dislike talking about death, and most people "just don't have the skills to sit down and figure it out."

Mr. Wright said people should get a will early as well, so their children will have access to their parents' money in case the parents die. Parents should not also state in the will items such as who will take care of the children after their deaths.

INSURE EACH OTHER

A young couple with no children "should insure each other," if they are both working. The husband can pay off the mortgage while his wife buys the necessities with her salary, and if the husband dies, his wife will not have to give up the house.

Mr. Wright said a common myth many men fall prey to is that they believe they have "the best and most beautiful girl in town," and every other in town is after her. The husband therefore reasons that if he dies, she will remarry immediately and he leaves her only a small sum of money.

The widow is then forced to go on welfare and "will probably marry the first man who'll have her." But the widow should be allowed to marry who she wants, and by leaving only a small sum of money for her, the husband has "forced unpleasant things upon his loved ones, such as forcing his wife to go back to school, go on welfare, or marry the first man who wants her.

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Enjoying her new position Jackie hasn't any regrets

By JOANNE BULANDA
Staff Writer

Her future is the college says Jacqueline Robarts as she nears the anniversary of her appointment as president of Niagara College.

Miss Robarts said she has had a good year and has been busy. She was impressed with the Celebrate Canada Festival and believes it was the best one due to increased student involvemment. The support staff strike went reasonably well and was a good learning experience for her.

Jackie Robarts

She is maintaining a fair number of contacts with businesses and industries in the area, and will attend the christening of a ship at the Port Welland Dry Docks April 7. These contacts, she said, mean potential jobs for students.

It is her task to cut $1 million from the budget "and that's really hard," she said.

NO PROBLEMS

Being the first woman appointed as president of a community college in Ontario has not posed any problems for her. Her initial reaction was "What, live in Welland?" It was her former boss, the president of Humber College in Toronto, and her colleagues who persuaded her to apply for the office of president that Anthony S. Manera left vacant when he accepted a position in Vancouver. She said she has no regrets about her decision.

With 19 areas as parts of the college, she has her work cut out for her. She is proud to say she has "got to them all" since she has been president.

The main difference between her former job as vice-president of Humber and the president's job in Welland is the fact that she has to make all the financial decisions. "You're the one in charge."

Her contact with the students has been good but the thing she misses the most is her involvement with them. Her greatest satisfaction is in watching and working with them. "There's no time for so many things," she said. "There aren't enough hours in the day."

EXPERIENCE HELPED

Miss Robarts had a fair idea of what her new position would be like. Without her previous experience it would have been much harder for her to adjust. She said there was more adjustment on the part of the staff who were used to reporting to a man. Others had the image of her being "Mother Superior." She had to overcome that and said she is still a "rare bird. There aren't that many of us around yet."

Miss Robarts, a former nurse, left nursing in 1973 after being involved in it since her graduation in 1954. "I had done as much as I wanted and was ready for a career change."

Her most memorable moment of the past year came on the first day she was recognized as president. Her investiture was significant to her because it was held at the same time as the graduation for students of health sciences. She was the graduation speaker and was presented with a gold clock which she keeps on a table in her office.

"We are in a period of constraint," she said. "With the educational needs in the area and the lack of money we are forced to be more creative. With the fine staff we have, we can still go a long way."

Apply with CECS, Placement for job

By KAREN MONTGOMERY
Staff Writer

Summer is almost here again, bringing with it the question, "What am I going to do until September?" There is a wide range of possibilities and the majority of students are "looking for a summer job".

Kenneth Anderson, Niagara College placement officer, usually deals with students who are graduating and looking for steady work, but it wouldn't hurt to fill out a Universities and Colleges Placement Association (UCPA) application for employment and leave it with him. In the event a job a student could fit into is requested through him, one doesn't want to miss out on it because an application was not filled out.

Nancy Marr, officer-in-charge of the Canada Employment Centre for Students (CECS), is the person to see to start a search for almost any kind of a job. During an interview, no matter what kind of summer employment was mentioned, she seemed to know everything about it. She pointed out several job opportunities and ideas the majority of students wouldn't think about. She did stress the time factor though, as there are several openings which have to be applied for before a deadline.

OPENS APRIL 3

The CECS office, 26 Division St., Welland, will be officially opened April 3 for registration. During the month of April students can register there from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. During the rest of the summer the office will be open from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. daily. Students wishing to register for CECS before April can do so at the Canada Employment Centre (CEC), 51 Niagara St., Welland.

Young Canada Works (YCW) is a federal program being run this summer to help students looking for employment. The jobs available under this program will be made known to Mrs. Marr in the last half of April. The only way to apply for these local jobs is through Mrs. Marr's CECS office. Although Mrs. Marr screens the applicants, final decisions for the hiring rest with the local employer, who has enrolled in the YCW program.

"These local businessmen have already been contacted to alert them to the student work force, which is ready, willing and able to work." Mrs. Marr said. Considering this factor, she suggested that anyone interested in the YCW program should not "waste any time getting their CECS applications filled out and submitted."

Ontario Experience '79 is another summer employment program, this one under provincial jurisdiction. A booklet about the program, which contains job outlines and an application form, states its purpose as offering "young men and women of this province a wide range of experience-based employment opportunities in the broad areas of culture, recreation, social services, education and the environment. In all cases the main emphasis has been given to the development of jobs that "afford participants valuable job experience."

CECS also solicits "casual job orders from homeowners who require assistance, and will employ a student to rake leaves, clean basements, move furniture, landscaping, lawn care, window washing or other similar jobs."

Mrs. Marr pointed out that the CECS is not the only source for summer jobs. She said, "As well as CECS, students should send resumes and submit applications to such possible places of employment as industries, community agencies and recreation."

The serious job hunters will check want ads, or even place their own "job wanted" ads in their local newspapers.

"Media advertising from the Ontario Youth Secretariat encourages students to go out on their own to solicit jobs," Mrs. Marr said. She said if a student is looking for a certain type of job in which she can't help, she will do her best to refer them to someone who can.

TOBACCO PICKERS

For students intending to pick tobacco this summer, Mrs. Marr suggested they see her, even though they don't feel there is a need to. She said the job market in tobacco picking is "vicious", and the innocent students could find themselves stuck in a predicament they are not expecting.

CECS offers a mini-program entitled Creative Job Techniques for students who want help in job-hunting. It is a free program, and all that is required for registration is a phone call. This is to get information as to when the next session will be and to put the student's name on the list of attendents.

Mrs. Marr said she will counsel students encountering difficulties in understanding their rights to Unemployment Insurance benefits. It might be wise to make an appointment with her before going though, as she will be swamped with students seeking summer employment.

Mrs. Marr has several requests for volunteer positions. She said, "These positions don't pay in dollars, but in experience and skill acquisition, helping you to be more employable upon graduation".

Government to aid student enterprises

By TERRI NEUFELD
Staff Writer

Interest-free loans are being offered by the Ontario government for the sixth year to help students develop and run their own summer businesses.

The Student Venture Capital '79 program "provides an excellent opportunity for students to acquire needed and valuable business experience while putting money in their pockets," said Mary Francis Hewitt, public relations officer for the Royal Bank.

The program, introduced in 1974, is sponsored by the ministry of colleges and universities and the Youth Secretariat, in co-operation with the Royal Bank of Canada and participating chambers of commerce.

Developed in response to the "ever-increasing demand for and the ever-diminishing supply of summer jobs," it provides students with valuable business experience by allowing them to go into business for themselves, individually or in partnership with other students, said Mrs. Hewitt.

FEW AWARE

Unfortunately, many students are unaware of this opportunity while searching for summer jobs.

Participating chambers of commerce screen applications from students who are more than 18 and returning to school full-time, suggest improvements, and approve those with "fundamental ingredients for success."

A student whose proposal is accepted must agree to follow standard business procedures, make regular reports of the financial situation to the program manager, and is expected to seek advice and help when needed. The government loans of up to $1,000 must be repaid by Oct. 31 of this year.

The financial liaison officer from the Royal Bank and the government's Student Venture Capital program manager are available to the students for financial advice, assistance and guidance.

PROVIDES LOANS

The Royal Bank provides interest-free loans to students wishing to begin before government financing is available.

Projects may begin as early as April 1 and should be "labor intensive." Those most likely to succeed are ones which do not require expensive rental for accommodation, inventory, machinery or vehicles, such as farming, woodcutting, painting and garden and house maintenance.

Theatre projects, dances, craft production and sales and food-related projects often meet with legal, health and other technical difficulties, unless the projects are researched well in advance.

Most profitable would be a business the student has knowledge of and for which there is a demand in the community.

Last summer the program funded 100 projects, as opposed to 14 projects in 1974. Some of the businesses included beekeeping, running a water-ski and kite school and giving tours of Toronto by horse-drawn carriage.

Information and Student Venture Capital kits may be obtained through the ministry of colleges and universities.

Applications up for '79-80

Applications to full-time courses for 1979-1980 have increased by 8.75 per cent over last year.

Registrar John Parrett said "the colleges' drop-out rate has improved" and although there are more applicants, the number of students will not increase significantly.

"We are in a no-growth situation and can't expand," he said. "The taxpayers of Ontario can't afford it."

Of the more popular programs, theatre arts has 110 applicants up from 63 last year. Business administration has 256, up from 215, and the horticulture program must choose 50 students from 130 applicants.

Students are selected on the basis of interviews, questionnaires and autobiographies.

A new program, manufacturing engineering technician has only four applicants but Mr. Parrett expects there will be "quite a demand" in there in four years because it "takes time to sell a new course," he said.

Big building

The largest university building in the world is the M. V. Lomonosov State University, constructed between 1949 and 1953, on the Lenin Hills south of Moscow. It stands 240 metres high, has 32 storeys and contains 40,000 rooms.

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Last wintry scene, we hope

After a long wait for spring, cold wintry scenes like this one will be forgotten for good, or at least until next winter. Temperatures came close to reaching record highs last week with outdoorsmen switching from skis, skates and snowmobiles to golf, tennis and cycling. (Photo by Ventresca)

Editorials

Apathy strikes again

The 1979 Student Administrative Council (SAC) election is over, but the proceedings were once again marred by a disgracefully low voter turnout.

I voted on Thursday and I'm glad I did. The students who took the time to go out and vote can be proud of the fact that they helped select their own Student Administrative Council. If the new SAC fails in its efforts to provide good government (although I doubt it will), these students will at least be able to realize that it wasn't entirely SAC's fault because they voted them into office.

Student apathy is a prime factor to consider when discussing any of the past inadequacies of SAC. I have heard many students complain about SAC but these are the ones who never bother to vote. But who do so much complaining? If Niagara College students want changes to be made in the running of SAC, why not say so through a ballot instead of hurling verbal discourtesies at them? The new members of SAC at least deserve a chance to show what they can accomplish.

Not only should students vote, but they should do so wisely and seriously. They should make their views known to SAC to give them an idea of what the students want to see SAC accomplish in the future. Many students complain that SAC meetings are both boring and unimportant to college activities, but if they feel this way, why not try to make SAC's job a little easier by giving its members some suggestions and striving to have relevant items placed on the meeting agendas?

Sure, SAC could probably do a better job than it has been doing in many instance, but, to my way of thinking, it is much more difficult to get something accomplished when there's no incentive to do so, especially when students are not 100 per cent behind their own government. Some students are dead set against SAC and its policies, but this negative way of thinking accomplishes nothing; it only makes SAC's job more difficult.

Being a member of SAC may not be an easy job, but if students put forth some effort towards making it an effective governing body, then things would run more smoothly. Even though many second and third year students won't be returning next year, they can still make a contribution to the school by helping elect a good Student Administrative Council for those who will be here next year.

I hope at least a few students will decide to take some positive action next year and actively support the new members of SAC. If this can be accomplished, it should help get things done and possibly boost the school spirit that has been severely lacking here at Niagara College.

Tim Byng

MY VIEW

Sign language communicates through all language barriers

By CHERYL KEECH
Staff Writer

Is enough being done for the handicapped in the Niagara Peninsula? Are the students at Niagara College aware of the problems faced by the deaf? Is the business community helping to employ these people?

The answer to most of the questions is probably no. In fact, not even the St. Catharines school, which "caters to the hearing handicapped" is doing enough.

At one time Niagara College held a night course for sign language skills. Okay, you say, what good is it to me? Well, having worked in a fish and chips joint for three years, I have had deaf people come in to order. Figuring out what they were trying to order is frustrating. It is much more frustrating for them to make us understand.

A HANDICAPPED WORLD

Most people have the attitude that the deaf should learn to live in a hearing world. This, they say, is a hearing world, but they are wrong. This is a handicapped world, filled with those who cannot see, those who are mentally retarded, those who cannot walk, and those who are deaf.

Why am I pushing only for the understanding of the deaf? Why do I want more people to learn sign language? There are two reasons: (1) it is a start towards communicating with our handicapped world, and, (2) if more people world-wide knew sign language, we could communicate through all language barriers.

What is the school, Briardale, in St. Catharines doing to aid the deaf in what the school classifies as our "hearing world?" Well, so far they are integrating hearing and deaf students up to Grade 6, one good point in the deaf child's favor. But deaf children may finally want to leave school because of the integration. Many deaf people leave school and want to be with their own because they have never been given an opportunity to live in a hearing environment. This is terrible when one realizes that this is their world too.

What is Briardale not doing? It is not "catering" to the profoundly deaf — those children who cannot hear enough to pick up lip reading and vocal communication without sign language. I must admit a few people in the school are pushing "signing" as far as they can to halt frustrating episodes in the deaf child's world. But the others are not yet doing enough along that line because they still believe the child should learn to live in a hearing world.

Children who have little hearing or none at all need sign language to understand, to fulfill their needs, to be content and most of all, be happy. Basic signs are enough to stop frustration and misunderstanding. A leering face mouthing words and sounds unheard and not understood is a blank wall.

So, I say, why not run another sign language course at the school? They are fun, interesting and bring forth more understanding of the handicapped. Who knows, maybe you will need it someday.

Letter to the Editor

What a switch: Tech men complain of sexist bias

Dear Editor:

This opinion is in regard to the March 19 article "Computer eng. grad — Starts IBM job April 28":

As liberated male technologists, we feel neglected by your newspaper reporting. So far this year, you have devoted two articles and a photograph to the success of **one** female student, who should graduate and receive a position with IBM.

What about reporting upon the **male** counterparts who have done as well (with IBM, incidentally) or better? This reverse discrimination could result in employer prejudice in an age that is supposed to promote equal opportunity.

We who have received little or no mention request that in the future this paper neglect sexual discrepancies and write an unbiased newspaper.

Sincerely,
Neglected Technologists

Campaign promises

'And this year...'

By JOANNE BULANDA
Staff Writer

"We must overcome the apathetic feeling throughout the college and strive for a stronger rapport between the satellite campuses and the main campus."

Does this sound familiar? To a regular attender of SAC meetings and election speeches, it should. That was a platform of this year's SAC election campaign, of last year's, and, year after year, of many others.

A pattern has developed from previous election platforms. As was said at Tuesday's election meeting, "Candidates are an indication that someone cares," and the number this year certainly demonstrate interest in the well-being of the school.

But there are some things which cannot be done. Year after year SAC candidates want to see the same things done, but there are barriers to overcome.

Things have not changed in the last several years, according to a search through past campaign editions of the Niagara News. Student apathy, "neglect" of satellite campuses and a lack of residences crop up as problems every year.

Instead of trying to overcome these things, concentration should be on the hours a student is at the college and activities should be held then.

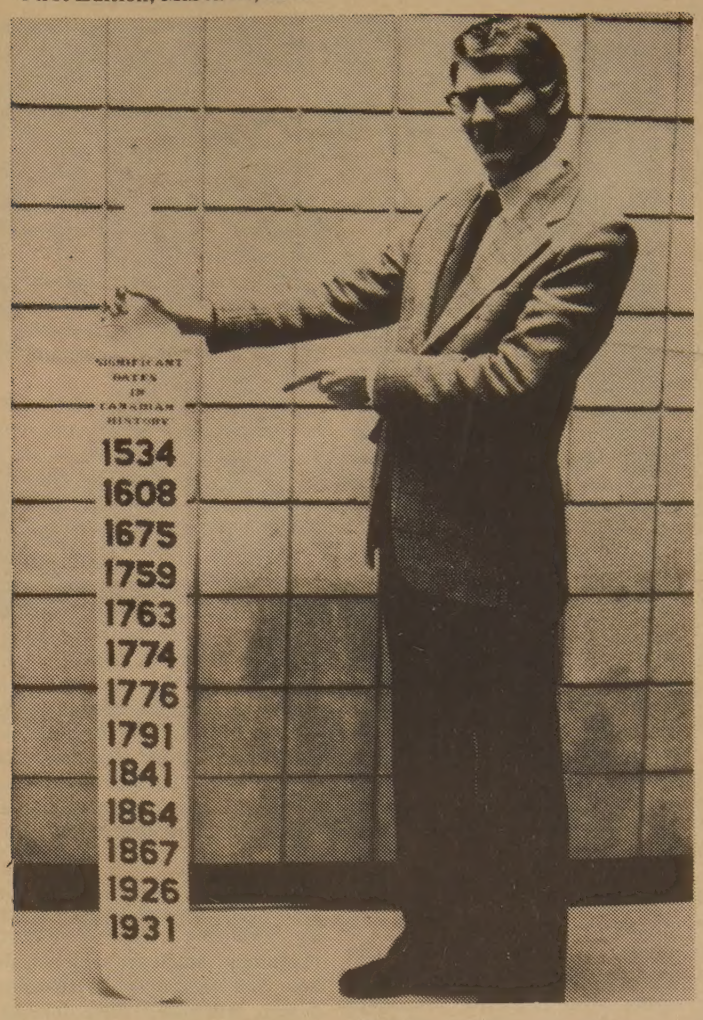
Past years and the present one have seen the members of SAC wanting to "advance the school a bit and get all the students motivated towards it." They have wanted to "try to resolve the feeling of apathy at Niagara College and get the students more interested in the school."

Past and present candidates and members of SAC have wanted to "get involved with student affairs" and gain experience "to take into the working field." Others wanted to "put something into SAC" and "promote Niagara College to the community."

Candidates and former vice presidents of athletics were, and still are, interested in "stimulating student interest in varsity sports." They have the players, but supporters are needed.

Year after year, new activities are created but attendance and interest are still low.

This comment is not intended to criticize SAC executives for not carrying out campaign promises, but rather to point to the persistence of these recurring problems.



The dating board

Political Science instructor Eugene Maltiais proudly displays his "board of education," a paddle-shaped slab illustrating important dates in Canadian constitutional history. (Photo by Byng)

Canadian films to be promoted

Erika Church, an English instructor who has shown two Canadian feature films to her students as a teaching aid, feels there is enough interest at Niagara College to show films on a regular basis.

About 80 students watched the film, "Outrageous," in her English class March 13.

Mrs. Church was quick to point out that the film was used to promote Canadian art and was a teaching aid.

However, she said she would like to show films on a more current basis because the interest is there, and the showing of Canadian art "would increase our awareness in film, because we are lured by the American tinsel and glitter in their films."

One dollar would be collected to reduce the cost of bringing the films to the college, she said, as compared to $3 charged by theatres.

Mrs. Church, who teaches a Canadian literature course, feels Canada has a lot to learn from the American "energy" in films, but feels "we must put regionalism ahead of internationalism."

She said Canadian film is a growing industry and interest in films should be encouraged in colleges as well as universities.

Rock music edges out the disco beat

By PETER BENNER
Staff Writer

Fourteen per cent of 300 students questioned in a CRNC radio study early in March were not aware that music, news and other general programming heard at Niagara College originated from the campus' own radio station.

A first year marketing class, instructed by Robert Young, determined the listening habits and opinions of Niagara College students towards CRNC. Tabulations were made by computer.

"The survey whets the students' appetite for public relations and statistical analysis," Mr. Young said. The college radio station may benefit from suggestions made by the survey. The study had a high confidence level of 80 per cent.

This error factor, or 20 per cent probability of right or wrong, is accurate enough that it reflects the opinions of the total student population, he said.

The bulk of the questionnaires, designed by the marketing class, were completed by applied arts (30 per cent), business students (40 per cent), health sciences (12 per cent) and technology (18 per cent). Forty eight per cent of those interviewed were male and 52 per cent were female.

In response to questions asking how students rated the selection of music and handling of news reports, 40 per cent of the answers fell into the average range.

Only one per cent felt there was absolutely no college radio station better in this category.

There was no significant change in musical tastes since a similar survey was conducted last year. Questions in last year's poll were directed only to musical content.

Preferred choices for musical content were rock, garnering 47 per cent of the interviewee support. Thirty four per cent preferred disco, six per cent cared for easy listening and only one per cent wanted jazz tunes.

One query in the study required a written response. It concerned changes recommended to improve radio programming. Results in this category were not available since the computer cannot correlate this type of answer.

One of the main objectives of CRNC is to use the answers as constructive criticism, Mr. Young said.

"We want to see if we're reaching the student audience. Technical alterations and content changes could be made in the noon hour open format, depending on final survey results," Keith Neve, student program director for CRNC, said.

Some suggestions heard over the length of this term are an increase in volume across campus and installation of speakers in the Tecumseh foyer. One of the most obscure places for a speaker to be placed is the weightlifting room in the MacKenzie Building.

Studies are basic for NC nurses but job remains the same

By BRAD BUTCHER
and JOHN GERL
Staff Writers

Nursing education under Niagara College stresses more general education than under the old three-year apprenticeship program, but the job of nursing remains the same under both systems.

This is the opinion of Lois Miller, chairman of nursing education at the Mack Centre in St. Catharines, and of Mary Low, director of nursing service at the St. Catharines General Hospital.

The Mack school became part of Niagara College in September, 1973. Before that it had been under the Ontario ministry of health. Formerly a three-year apprenticeship program, in 1967 it became a two-year plus one-year's internship program and in 1971 the third year was dropped making nursing a two-year program.

Miss Miller said that, under the college, the curriculum itself had not changed much but academic education had "probably been strengthened." English became part of the program, and psychology and sociology are taught by specialists in their field.

The introduction of English helps students with written communication skills and the literature they study helps broaden their general knowledge and background, Miss Miller said.

Miss Low said the one disadvantage of a two-year nursing education program, compared with three, is a lack of clinical time in hospitals.

IT'S HARD WORK

Miss Low dislikes the "stereotyping" of the glamorous nurse. Being a nurse is hard and demanding work, she said. Most people enter nursing because the job is interesting, they are needed, able to help people, and gain satisfaction.

Miss Miller said if the Mack building is sold to become Niagara Region headquarters, the nursing program might switch to the main campus in Welland.

Such a move would make it easier for nursing students to feel they are part of Niagara College, she said. At present, they feel isolated from Niagara and do not feel part of the college system.

There are 112 students in the first year of the nursing program including one male. In the second year there are 97 students including five males. A maximum of 140 students can be accepted for each year.

Miss Low said a new graduate makes $1,190 a month with less than one year of clinical experience. After six months the wage is increased to $1,270.

Reduce insurance, reduce accidents

Looking for a way to lower your car insurance? Attend a driving school and receive cuts up to 52 per cent, depending on your insurance agency.

According to the Ontario Transportation Commission, men and women have fewer accidents after taking a driving course. Just 25 hours of in-class instruction equals the experience of driving for three years, said Gilly Baldwin, Aaron Driving School, St. Catharines.

Most courses run for one month, with attendance about 220 persons per year, Mrs. Baldwin said. The school has two courses: a regular course for $129 and one similar to a high school course for $67. The lower cost for the second course is because in-car instruction is done in groups, whereas in the more expensive course private instruction is given.

Instructors employed to teach driving must obtain an instructor's certificate, an instructor licence, and a certificate from the ministry of transportation.

Mrs. Baldwin said both kinds of instruction are of equal importance. In-class instruction is the theory behind defensive driving and in-car instruction is the practice.

Most students agree the course is a good investment although some of the classes seem long and tedious.

Walters

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the satellites "have endless potential — they just need to be channelled together."

The other independent candidate was Doug Janzen, first year journalism student and candidate for vice-president of internal affairs. He told the audience his interests lie in communications. "I'll be very aware of what the students of this campus and the satellites want," he said. He was concerned with the interaction of students at Pub Night and said he wanted to see more people attend.

Terry Thompson, the next candidate to speak, marched to the blackboard and wrote her name across the board. Running for executive vice-president for the "unnamed party," she said she would be the voice to the other satellites.

"It's not what SAC can do for you but what you and SAC can do for each other," said Ken Wegelin after he jokingly erased Terry's name from the board. He said the distance between SAC and the students should not act as a barrier and that they should start pulling inthe same direction.

After telling of his plans during the introduction, Doug Janzen was called back tothe front. He was by no means speechless. "I thought I'd said everything I wanted to say the first time," he said. "I would still like to see the school and students get together and. . . party."

Prizes for contest poor Photographers complain

By KAREN MONTGOMERY
Staff Writer

Without the help of extra SAC finances, the Photography Club will only have enough money to award $50 overall in prizes for Niagara College's second annual photography contest.

"We're trying to get money for prizes and trophies from SAC," Scott Hill, Photography Club president, said, "but they're not being very co-operative."

Scott said SAC gave the Photography Club an allotment at the beginning of the year, but due to unforseen circumstances, such as a surprise burden of yearbook expenses, the club help to make the photography contest more appealing to the students."

The Photography Club had "just doesn't have the extra money for prizes. We have almost run out of funds and need originally planned six categories for the contest, but had to drop action and trick photography because there was not enough money for the two extra trophies needed.

Scott said the judges for the contest have not been picked, with the exception of Gordon Lawson, photography teacher for continuing education.

The contest, which has a March 30 extended deadline, is open to any student of Niagara College who is not a professional photographer. Application forms and rules may be picked up at the SAC office, ME 101. There is an entry fee of $1 per print, with a limit of one print per category.

Membership in OACETT

John Robles, college liaison for the Niagara chapter of the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT), wants students to get in touch with him if they are interested in free membership with OACETT for the rest of the year.

Students will be eligible to receive a technical newspaper of what OACETT is doing. At the year's end, they can apply for permanent membership.

Any students interested can contact Mr. Robles at 68 Barrington Drive, Welland, 13C 5Z9, or telephoning 735-5019.

Port ambulance service seeks summer volunteers

By TIM BYNG
Staff Writer

Niagara College students looking for interesting and challenging summer jobs have been invited to volunteer their time by joining the St. John Ambulance service in Port Colborne.

Maurice Fournier, 54, divisional superintendent of Division 211 in Port Colborne, said there is "not enough interest" in the ambulance service as far as recruiting new members is concerned. "The main stress right now is on members," Mr. Fournier said; both males and females are welcome.

Division 211 consists of Port Colborne and Humberstone combined, and its members meet every other Monday at 7:30 p.m., in a small hall behind the Port Colborne General Hospital.

New members are always welcome, and Mr. Fournier said he would like to see people out donating their time and effort for St. John's, the oldest charitable organization in the world. Students only have to spend "a couple of hours a day or even a week," helping the organization.

To become a member, a man needs a Standard First Aid Certificate, or must receive it within one year, while a woman must hold a Home Nursing Certificate and a Standard First Aid Certificate.

The Port Colborne division will offer a first aid course as soon as enough people contact Mr. Fournier and express their desire for such a course. It would cost nothing, and would run for eight weeks, with a two-hour session held each week.

Members of the St. John Ambulance Service in Port Colborne include, left to right, Walter Little, M. "Snapper" Seguin, Maurice Fournier and Roger Graveline. (Photo by Byng)

17-YEAR MEMBER

Mr. Fournier, a member of St. John's for 17 years, said a course was held last November in Port Colborne because at that time, enough people expressed an interest in the course. "We only need 12 members for a good class," he said.

The St. John Ambulance service, a 900-year-old tradition of humanity, is as important today in the 20th century as were the works of the 11th century knights of ST. John in the Holy Land.

It is a modern organization meeting a real and urgent need with people who voluntarily sacrifice their time and effort to help people, with no glorification whatsoever.

The organization was formed in Port Colborne in 1946, and its presence is routinely accepted at events such as hockey or football games, and various high school events and competitions.

A member of the St. John Ambulance service can spend time in an emergency ward of a local hospital or transfer a paraplegic home from the hospital on weekends.

There are 20 members in the Port Colborne division, and each receives a free uniform.

"It's pretty hard for people to hear about any new first aid courses the ambulance service may be offering," he said. "It's easier if you know people already in the ambulance service."

But Mr. Fournier said he may put an advertisement in the local newspapers around April or May and interested students can contact him by phoning 834-6388.

As for coming events, St. John's will attend the Humberstone Speedway, and various events of the Port Colborne Saddle Club and local high schools.

Mr. Fournier recently received the Order of St. John during a ceremony held at Ottawa's Christ Church Cathedral.

Theatrics and rock thrill pub crowd

By KAREN MONTGOMERY
Staff Writer

Dr. Starlight was on stage pleading with the Watchmaker to give him a clock that would grant him eternal life, as the smaller-than-usual crowd at the March 13 Pub Night watched in awe. The classical-theatrical rock group, Rhinegold, played three sets that kept the audience tapping, clapping and yelling for more.

About 80 per cent of the music played by Rhinegold is original, and is highly influenced by the group's extensive classical music background. Lawrence Gowan, founder of the band and keyboard player, holds an ARCT degree in classical piano from the Royal Conservatory of Music. Gerry Mosby, on bass and guitar, has six years of experience with different bands.

Patrick Bourke, who plays keyboards and guitar, also studied clarinet at the Royal Conservatory of Music for 1½ years. Daniel Bourne, the drummer, has been with the group since it started 2½ years ago. All have been studying music since they were children. Lawrence, Daniel and Patrick attended Neil McNeil High School in Toronto, while Gerry is a recent newcomer to the group, having moved to Toronto from Vancouver one year ago.

Behind the lighting and sound system, valued at about $150,000 to $175,000, are three men, highly skilled in their trades: Bob Shindle, Kevin Leckey and Shawn Richardson.

Rhinegold is hoping to go far in the concert circuit, but it's a long hard climb. They are all involved in the promotion of their band as well as their music.

"We won't have to compromise for success if we take it one step at a time," Gerry Mosby said. "We're all young and that goes in our favor.

They are all 20 to 25 years old.

Two rehearsals a day help Rhinegold stay on their toes, and this depicts their serious nature which shows through in their music and rock opera, Dr. Starlight and Watchmaker. The theatrics and make-up utilized in the Starlight set are imaginative and rehearsed as vigorously as their music. The costumes worn in this set come from Malabar Dancewear Supplies in Toronto.

The founder of Malabar's is immortalized in a song written by Lawrence Gowan called Madamme Malabar, which tells how her creativity in costume design influenced their imaginations.

The impact of lights, sound control and good music left the audience banging on the tables and hollering for an encore. Rhinegold gave it to them in the form of Daytripper, one of only three songs performed by the group which is not their own composition.

Charity auto show held for crippled kids

By KAREN MONTGOMERY
Staff Writer

A Street Rod Show-off, to be held the weekend of March 30, 31 and April 1, will be held in the Do-It-Yourself Auto Repair building on Major Street in Welland. Proceeds will be donated to charity.

There will be at least one collector's item at the show, a 1957 Chevrolet Cameo pick-up truck. Malcolm Dilts, Do-It-Yourself Auto Repair, said, "There were only 10,000 of these trucks produced over a four-year period." A few 1923 Ford Bucket Ts and a 1934 Ford Coupe will also be on display, he said.

Mr. Dilts said there will be a late model modified division (between 1964 and 1971), a pick-up truck division and "one or two cars with a street value of $15,000."

Mr. Dilts said he would like to see everyone come out to see these cars and talk with their owners.

Children under 12 will be admitted free, if accompanied by an adult. Adult admission of $1 includes a ballot to vote for the three most popular Street Rods in the peninsula.

Proceeds will be donated to the Niagara Regional Crippled Children's Centre Fund Drive at the telethon being held at Niagara the weekend of March 7.

Show hours are Friday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday, noon to 10 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 8 p.m.

Warriors violent

By LARRY FRANCAVILLA
Staff Writer

A nine-year-old boy and his father leaving the theatre are approached by an NBC newsman who says to the boy, "What did you like about The Warriors, son?". The boy replied enthusiastically, "I like the head bashing and stuff."

Couple this with the fact that there have been two murders and several beatings resulting from the movie, according to NBC and CBC news. You are now left with a controversial and touchy issue.

NBC news recently did a bit on violent reactions to the movie. They interviewed a man who was attacked and beaten by three youths who called themselves "the Warriors."

Also, the chairman of the committee looking into the murders and their relationship to the movie said, "The movie is merely a reflection of what goes on in the real world. There are no proven links between the two."

Dr. Paul Tyson, associate professor of psychology at Brock University said the movie, and movies like it are often subject to controversy at first, then become generally accepted by the public.

LIKE OLD GANGS

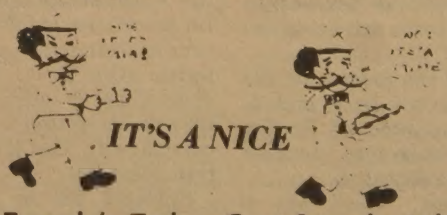
"It's like the old motorcycle gang type movies. People don't relate to the youths, and it is frustrating to them. They need an identity."

He said it depends on the economic situation of a certain area. Places like "the big apple", Toronto and L.A. already have gang problems.

This movie will tend to reinforce the efforts of the already existing gangs, and can stimulate other youths to form gangs of their own, Dr. Tyson said. The result is easily predictable.

"I don't see this as a way of helping people do anything," Dr. Tyson concluded.

To me, too, this movie seems another example of violence promotion, rather than entertainment.



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"If Italian's your desire, We can set your tastebuds on fire."
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300 visit counselling services each month

By HEATHER OAKES
Staff Writer

Reaching the bottom of the stairway in the Tecumseh Centre extension of Niagara College's Welland main campus, the Grade 12 student glanced at the pamphlets displayed in the racks in the counselling centre. Timidly, she walked over to the secretary's desk and asked to speak to one of the counsellors about a college program.

The girl is just one of about 300 Niagara College students, staff and members of the community, who visit the counselling centre each month.

During the peak periods for counselling appointments in September and March and the first part of each semester, the four counsellors—George Repar, head of the counselling services, Bette Ferguson, Bruce Tallon and Gord McPherson—are kept busy answering questions on a variety of subjects.

Students discuss career and financial problems with the counsellors who, in addition to having a university degree, have also taken a course which teaches student counselling.

If the counsellor is consulted about a problem he cannot help with, the counsellor will refer the person to an agency.

People who want to speak to a counsellor make an appointment with Lou DiMattio, counselling secretary.

Apptitude tests, tests to find vocational interests and grade levels are administered. Mrs. Ferguson said tests are sometimes given for an outside agency like Workmen's Compensation Board.

Mr. Tallon conducts a program called Alcholic Impairment Recognition skills for interested students.

Counselling services are available on the other Niagara College campuses. The Welland Vale campus has one counsellor and the Mack Centre in St. Catharines has one.

Career House, Victoria Avenue, Niagara Falls, helps provide the public with information on careers and career planning.

BUT CAN HE REALLY CARE?

In eight hours at Regency Hall, Indiana, Jeffrey Henzler kissed a record 3,225 girls — a rate of one per 8.93 seconds!

ANOTHER RECORD

. . .and for all you beer lovers. Can you top this? Steven Petroino drank one litre of beer in 1.3 seconds on June 22, 1977, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Don Quixote gives the owner of a roadside inn directions to the castle.

Kiley unsurpassed

Man of La Mancha musical tear-jerker

By JOANNE DE LEEUW
Staff Writer

Oblivious to the shouts of "More! More!" from the audience, the cast of Man of La Mancha quickly took their bows and left the stage, ending a riveting opening night performance.

The 2½-hour musical, performed without an intermission, played to a capacity audience at the O'Keefe Centre in Toronto March 14.

It is doubtful the classic musical left a dry eye in the entire theatre. Based on the legend of Don Quixote, a senile old man who believes he is a knight centuries after the age of knighthood has passed, it skillfully conveyed a penetrating message: imagined happiness is not always worse than realistic misery.

The actors worked with a minimum of sets and props on a circular stage, and the theatrical lighting, which provided much in the way of mood changes, proved to be an unexpected delight.

The lighting took the place of traditional sets, with images of stained glass, prison bars, and eerie hues of green and scarlet projected on the bare stage.

In one breathtaking scene, a beam of light was directed on an actor dressed in armor studded with mirror pieces. The thousands of tiny reflected lights flickered and danced through the theatre, to the delight of the audience.

Stunning were the performances of the leads, Richard Kiley as Don Quixote, and a versatile actress, Susan Waldman in the role of Aldonza.

Kiley, with his booming voice, was unsurpassed in his rendition of "The Quest (The Impossible Dream)," which in itself made the evening worthwhile.

His hilarious portrayal of Don Quixote made the insane knight's return to sanity that much more dramatic, as the bumbling, ridiculous, but lovable Don Quixote seemed to wither into a weeping, pathetic heap.

In the role of Aldonza, Susan Waldman, the possessor of a four-octave vocal range, was superb. She seemed to understand perfectly the role she was playing.

As the prostitute Don Quixote falls in love with, Waldman effectively portrays a person torn between bitterness and contempt for a world she labelled a "dung heap," and her cautious struggle to believe in something better.

While the music carried the show, choreography was generally downplayed throughout the production, with the exception of the brutal and powerful choreography of the rape scene.

Both light-hearted and stunning in its impact, Man of La Mancha will be performed at the O'Keefe Centre until May 6.

Misfortunes befall RTV department

By SUSAN STONE
Staff Writer

It's just one of those things, said Larry Taylor, Radio-Television program co-ordinator, about a run of bad luck which has struck him and others in his department.

A series of illnesses and mishaps began last September with Alan Cullimore, film instructor, and, Mr. Taylor hopes, ended last week with Judy Ventresca, newly-appointed secretary of the communications arts division of which RTV is a part.

Mr. Taylor said they were all unrelated incidents but if a person were superstitious he might find cause to link the events.

Severe migraine headaches prevented Mr. Cullimore from working the first term, during which time another instructor was hired to take his place.

Thomas Pace, television instructor replacing Paul Davoud who is on unpaid leave-of-absence, suffered dental problems that kept him off work for three weeks in late February and early March. Alan Leith, a radio instructor, returned to teach March 19 after being off from work for a week with an undetermined illness. He has recovered.

A broken left wrist was Mr. Taylor's reward while playing floor hockey on March 16. He writes with his left hand.

Stuart Black, another radio instructor, went to hospital emergency March 19 for a scratched eyeball. The accident occured when he was lifting a mattress from the back of his car.

The latest victim was Mrs. Ventresca who fell and injured her leg March 20. She was taken to hospital for x-rays and has now returned to work.

Mr. Taylor said he does not know of any other program experiencing so much illness and injury. He said the students have not suffered because of the absences.

Any volunteers for telethon talent?

By JOANNE DE LEEUW
Staff Writer

What has big brown eyes, long sexy legs, a tail, and captivates audiences? No, it's not a Playboy bunny, it's Goldie, the Wonder Horse!

This four-legged marvel is part of the talent lined up for the second annual Crippled Children's Telethon to be held April 7 and 8 in the cafeteria.

Student talent is being solicited for the 24-hour event, and Andrew Beesley, second year Radio and Television Arts student said, "We're looking for anything at all" in the way of talent.

Drawing talent from the Niagara Region and the college, the second-year RTV students directing the show, have lined up a number of local singers, dancers, and bands, including the Niagara Falls Pipe Band, instrumentalists, and comedians to aid the Crippled Children's Centre.

While planning is still indefinite, some big-name national performers are tentatively scheduled to make an appearance.

There has been a "very good response from students in Radio and TV," said Gary Sullivan, talent co-ordinator for the show, although "we would like to make an extra drive to get other students involved" to make the telethon "more of a college event."

He stressed that even amateur talent has something to offer the show. There is no final date to enter an act in the production although tapes, rather than live auditions, would be more welcome because of the problems involved in scheduling, Gary said. Anyone interested in auditioning is urged to come to the telethon office in the Voyageur Block.

Talent is generally chosen on a first-come, first-serve basis, and while no performers have been turned away, it might become necessary to eliminate some acts to avoid repetition.

Those reluctant to display their talents can still be part of the fun. "We really like to see people come out," since the performers "require an audience," Andy said. During Telethon '78, which marked the first time in Canada a college held a telethon, people showed up until 4 a.m. for the entertainment.

Last year's telethon was the idea of an RTV student which spread to all the broadcast students.

The second year students run the telethon, and the first year students participate, Andy said. Though the work put into the production is counted as practical course work, participation is voluntary, "but then," he said, "everybody volunteers."

Since last year's group had no idea what response it would receive, the goal for the telethon was set at $50,000, and $44,000 was raised. This year's goal is $50,000, but the organizers hope to exceed that figure. All proceeds go to the Niagara Peninsula Crippled Children's Centre.

The Rotary Club of Welland is responsible for arranging telephone operators in addition to other financial matters of the telethon, to be carried live on cable television.

Things have changed a little since last year's show; out of necessity, a temporary office has been set up for the producer and talent co-ordinator because of the "incredible amount of phoning involved" in organizing a production like this, Andy said.

Though he devotes many long hours to the show, he said, "I wouldn't be doing it if I didn't enjoy it." When he is not in classes he can be found working on some aspect of the show, "and sometimes even during classes," he said.

Fees the same

Students at Mack School of Nursing will not be expected to pay more than the original total increase in tuition fees in the fall of 1979.

Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, cleared up the rumor saying nurses would not have to pay $11 more for each week they are at the school after the regular 32-week school year finishes.

No pictures of graduates

Next year's Student Administrative Council's secretary should be asked to book graduation pictures at the college during the year, A.S. Aboud, director of student services, said.

The question of this year's grad pictures was raised at the last President and SAC luncheon on March 16.

Pictures individually or as a class would take too long to be done before or after the ceremonies, Mr. Aboud said. There are more than 50 graduating classes.

"Only 70 per cent of the students turn out for graduation," said Mr. Aboud. "Pictures would be more thoroughly done if they were done during the school year.

Rose Festival discos

Welland teens will be dancing to YMCA and Stayin' Alive at the Welland Rose Festival's three disco nights on June 3, 15 and 22.

A new event this year, the discos will be held in a Welland hall and will be presided over by a local disc jockey, Jennifer Smith, chairman of the Youth Events Committee, said. Disco contests may be held during the dances.

The first dance will be a coronation disco for Miss Rose Princess, the Grade 13 Centennial Secondary School student said. The girl who will carry this new title will be chosen from senior public school applicants who must write an essay about Welland or the Rose Festival. Like the Rose Queen, Miss Rose Princess and her court of two or three princesses will ride in the parade.

Admission for the disco dances will not be set until the com-mit-tee rents a hall.

Past festival events have been more adult-orientated, Jennifer said, and these new youth events may encourage teens to take an active part in the festival, to be held from June 2 to June 24.

Members of the Youth Events Committee are Miss Smith; Karen Bray, an Eastdale student; Leo Desjardin, member of board of directors, and Mike Seguin, one of the directors. They have been working on the plans for the disco nights, the Miss Rose Princess contest and a soap-box derby since September.

Ontario Student Assistance Program 1979-80

OSAP

Literature and application forms are available from Student Awards Officers at Ontario colleges and universities and from Guidance Counsellors at secondary schools throughout Ontario.

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Suicide is possible

By DOUG JANZEN
Staff Writer

Schizophrenia attacks about 250,000 Canadians every year, William Jefferies, who has two brothers and a son who are schizophrenic, said.

"Issac Newton, Vincent van Gogh and Vivian Leigh were afflicted with schizophrenia but, the malady accentuated their creative powers and society benefited from what these individuals contributed", Mr. Jefferies, chairman of the newly formed Ontario Friends of Schizophrenics said. The society will meet again at the Mental Health Centre in Niagara Falls on March 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Many borderline cases of schizophrenia go unrecognized and can end in suicide. Psychiatric studies reveal as many as five people a week between 10 and 30 years old die each week in Ontario.

"Schizophrenia is the result of a chemical imbalance which scramble messages to the brain and the body acts accordingly", Mr. Jefferies said.

Symptoms of depression, irritability, conflicting emotions, isolation and disinterest in personal hygiene are typical of people affected by the incapacitating illness. Distortion in perception and hearing may occur causing hallucinations, Mr. Jefferies said.

The society recognized by the provincial government and funded through the Provincial Lottery, will provide needed services to schizophrenics, their parents, relatives and friends who are involved in the many difficulties in coping with schizophrenia. Last year more money was spent on schizophrenia than heart and vascular illnesses.

HIGHEST EVER

The highest salary in cinema history, $3,700,000 for 12 days work, was paid to Marlon Brando for his role as Superman's father.

Kids komments

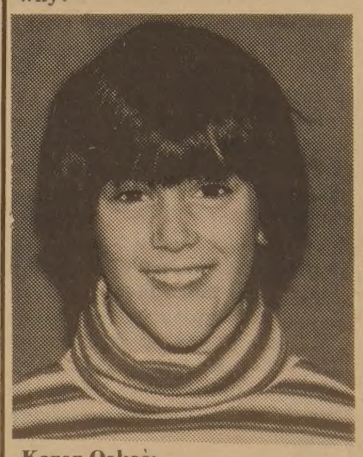
Talk of the Town

By JOANNE BULANDA
AND AMY THIBAULT

To be young again, eight years old with no inhibitions, enjoying the simple things in life. The honesty and sincerity of youth can only be appreciated by those who are truly young at heart.

Some interesting responses came from the mouths of young children asked similar questions. Six of the children are eight-year-olds from Quaker Road School. The younger tykes are three and four-year-olds from the Early Childhood Education Centre at Niagara College.

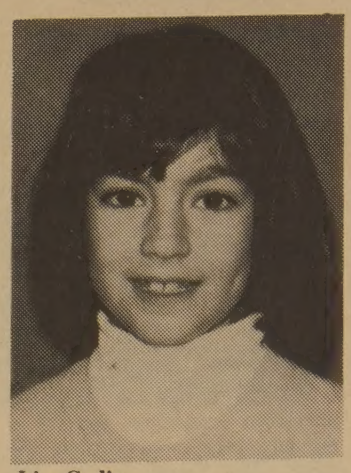
1. What is heaven like?
2. If you could change the world, how would you do it?
3. If you could be anyone in the world, who would you be and why?



Karen Oakes:
1. It's like a new home. It has gates and everything.
2. I'd change it to see if everyone could get along and people would stop lying.
3. Cheryl Ladd, because she's pretty.

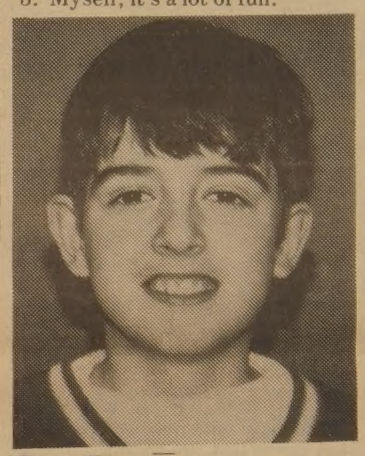
David McKinnon:
1. Just like earth, I guess.
2. I'd leave things the same but make it more organized because some things like soccer games get cancelled.
3. Me, because I just like being me.

Brant Christiensen:
1. Nice, I guess.
2. I'd cut down taxes.
3. The Prime Minister, so I can cut taxes down.



Lisa Godin:
1. Everybody's nice. It must be a beautiful place.
2. I'd make everyone be nice.
3. The Queen, because I like to pretend I'm her when we play.

Jenny Ogilvie:
1. It never rains or anything, never.
2. I'd make it so that no one would be bad or steal and I'd give the poor a lot of money.
3. Myself, it's a lot of fun.



Darcy Toews:
1. There's angels and all that.
2. First I'd get rid of the bad people to make the earth good.
3. Elvis, so I can play the guitar fast.

1. What does your dad do?
2. What does your mom do?
3. What do you want to be when you grow up?
4. What do you like better, summer or winter?

Robby Naro:
1. He plays games and colors with me.
2. She washes the dishes.
3. Superman.
4. Summer, I can play with my trucks.

Jeffrey Martin:
1. He works in the shop.
2. She washes dishes.
3. A fireman.
4. Summer, so I can play in the sandbox

Julie Green:
1. He reads the papers.
2. Sometimes she washes the dishes.
3. A rabbit, I like to eat carrots.
4. Summer, because you can ride bikes and play in the dirt.

Carrie Hare:
1. He works in the basement.
2. She washes dishes.
3. After I marry Sean? I'm going to be a girl teacher and he's going to be a boy teacher.

Ex-leader criticizes spending

By DOUG JANZEN
Staff Writer

Savage cutbacks in health spending have pushed student unemployment higher, according to Stephen Lewis, former leader of the New Democratic Party.

Jobs and services are deliberately cut and people who need other people are the people who lose, Mr. Lewis said at Brock University March 16.

Public jobs in health services, jobs best suited to women and young people, are considered surplus jobs and are the first to disappear when the government cuts spending. Mr. Lewis condemned the present government for never saying no to the national corporations and giving out money to the long lines of corporate businessmen, while an estimated 51 per cent of school children are physically and psychologically abused and are nutritionally deprived.

"The public sector is accused of overspending by private industry, but the private sector does not have to show their mistakes to the public," Mr. Lewis said.

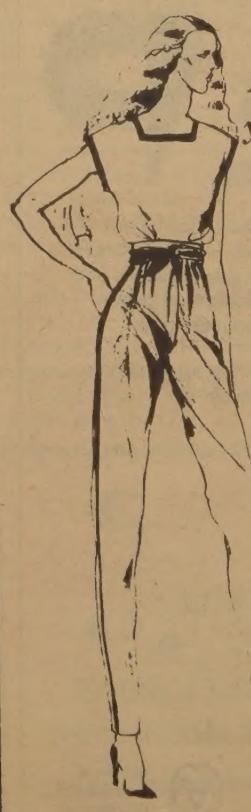
Seeing the government allow industrial multicorporations to get away with the continuous regularity of "industrial murder" of asbestos miners is "heart stopping."

"The large corporations demand a balanced sheet above all else. Mining manufacturers knew in the 1920's about the fatal consequences of asbestos mining," Mr. Lewis said.

Taxation, import-export restrictions and more public ownership are possible answers to the problems working people are having with industrial multicorporations.

Mr. Lewis said the NDP never really loses, it is a part of a universal movement designed for basic human rights and for non-destructible ways to change "existing social and economic inequalities."

DESIGNER SPORTSWEAR



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Ingenuity saves energy at Welland Vale Campus

By FRED DUPON
Staff Writer

While most people either accept rising energy costs or cut back on consumption, John Coles, property supervisor of one of the St. Catharines campuses of Niagara College, employs a different technique to fight the battle. His system has already saved Niagara College 20,000 gallons of fuel oil per year since 1973.

Mr. Coles' system combines common sense with ingenuity: advising the maintenance and security staff to close windows when the heating or air conditioning units are operating is common sense; replacing incandescent light bulbs with fluorescent bulbs which give off four times as much light and take a fraction of the energy is ingenuity.

Mr. Coles said that when architects design a building, they are only concerned with making it look nice and "they should be paid according to how much they save, not how much they spend." He cites the example of 1500 watt bulbs used in the Welland Vale centre parking lot when the college purchased the building in 1966. When they burned out in 1969, they were replaced with 350 watt mercury vapor bulbs which give off more light.

$800 SAVING

Mr. Coles estimates another 10 to 20 per cent reduction in lighting could be achieved. Already 17,740 watts, or $800 per year have been saved; enough electricity to supply eight homes for one year.

"If the public was educated and co-operated, everyone would benefit," Mr. Coles said. A tour through the Welland Vale centre emphasizes his contention.

Every second light is turned off, and there are no signs of inadequate lighting. The halls have been painted bright colors that will reflect light and the rooms and hallways are kept at comfortable temperatures.

In one hallway Mr. Coles replaced 60 300 watt bulbs with 60 100 watt bulbs, and the locker numbers are visible from a distance.

A great deal of money was needed to fix the boiler, but its restoration and 45,000 square feet of insulation should produce even greater savings on energy in the future, Mr. Coles said.

Getting people to care about energy conservation is hard, however, Mr. Coles said. Eight of 10 thermostats are turned up daily in the Welland Vale centre, and "when you have a man with a leather jacket sitting beside a woman with a silk shirt on, it's hard to talk conservation." The man wants the window open while the woman wants the heat turned up. We could do much more."

IS THAT SO?

Journalism — an ability to meet the challenge of filling the space.

New York Herald Tribune

Roving Reporter

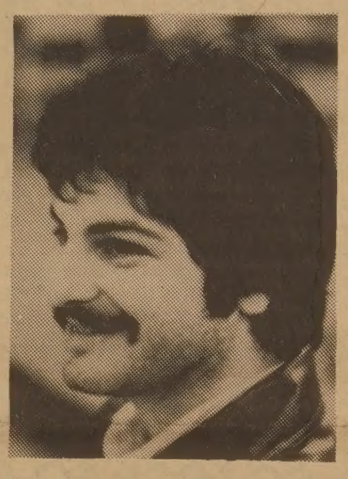
Student interest low

By JOANNE DE LEEUW and KAREN MONTGOMERY

Student interest in the non-academic life at Niagara seems to have improved little over the past year. This is evident in many ways, be it the apathy concerning amendments to the Student Administrative Council constitution, the growing disinterest in some areas of athletics, the low yearbook sales, or even in the pub deficits. Students were asked what changes they would like to see the new SAC executive make to raise participation in extra-curricular activities.

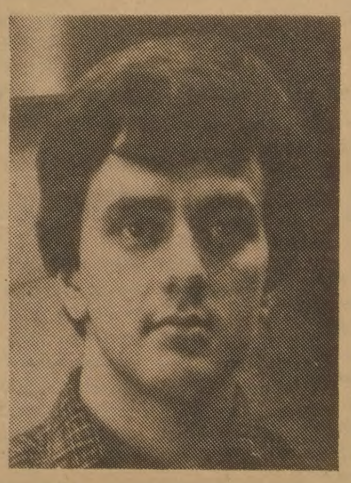
Fran McLaugtin, first year law and security: They (SAC) should advertise more. Most of the time we have no knowledge of what's going on. They should let students know what they do, instead of keeping it a secret.

Cathy O'Dette, second year social services: SAC reps from the class should work better with SAC to get their own classes involved. They should bring up ideas and present them at the meetings.

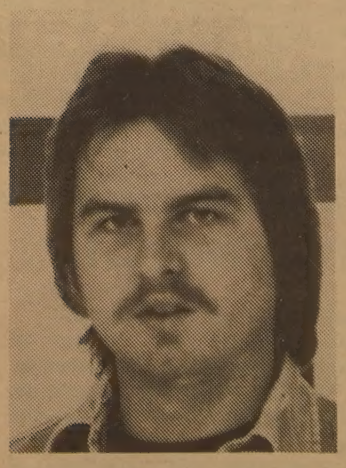


Tom Pappaianni, first year general business: SAC should arrange more activities during the double lunch like the Common Hour at Mohawk, with movies, and entertainment during lunch hours.

Peter Ripper, second year general business: There's not really much they (SAC) can do because most kids don't have the time to get involved. The only reason I'm here is to get an education.



Michael Lancott, first year general business: There is enough (participation) now. I would like to see the student reps have a vote in everything passed, and SAC should be able to dismiss any class reps if they don't do their jobs.



George Hofmann, second year general business: Other than athletics, there are not enough social activities. I would like to see more pubs and activities like the ski trips.

Mystery solved

Campaign posters for the 1979 Student Administrative Council election were not disappearing mystertiously before the election.

The school's custodians removed them during clean-up because of the rule concerning unauthorized posters on walls and pillars.

Word was given to custodians to leave the posters until after the election was over.

Language deteriorating, say English instructors

By LEWIS SILVESTRI
Staff Writer

With the advent of slang words as "cool", and "pot", some people feel the use of the English language is deteriorating. Communication, along with speech and writing, seems to be breaking down.

Barbara Blue, Journalism instructor, says the general use of the English language is far worse than poor: "deteriorating is too mild." She sees "mainly jargon, empty pompous words that don't convey meaning" entering the language and is not pleased with it. As a journalism instructor, words play a big role in her life. But, as she says sadly, "The only people who are concerned with the English language are fuddy-duddies."

One common lament instructors have is that, "The basic understanding of grammatical structure has dropped." E.W. Morgan, English instructor, said he feels there is not enough "discipline in the learning of fundamentals in grammar. Our language has become a combination of grunts and words."

NEED EMPHASIS

George Blazetich, chairman of liberal studies, says a major cause of the language's demise is, "not enough emphasis on the fundamentals of the language at the elementary and secondary school levels. In particular, there is not enough training in sentence analysis, i.e. parsing."

Most instructors agree the decline is caused by a lack of basic grammar skills. One cannot really point an accusing finger since "elementary school is blamed by the high schools. High school is blamed by colleges and universities and they, in turn, are blamed by the business world," John Muggeridge, English instructor, said.

Mr. Muggeridge said television has helped to create a breakdown in communication and language. "People these days get attitudes not from books but from television. Television is causing us to fall behind." A change in teaching and learning attitudes helped to lower the language levels. "The '60s was a permissive time. It taught us to be creative, not what a noun or verb are."

LATIN LOST

Mr. Blazetich said the loss of Latin in the secondary schools hurt. "Apart from developing and training the student's logical processes, Latin is an excellent foundation for both the understanding of sentence analysis and the building of vocabulary."

Some instructors said the language has always been deteriorating. Grammar has always been a problem as jargon and new words are ever-changing with the advent of innovative ideas and products.

Over the past five years, according to the exemption statistics for H-EN-100 , a basic English course, the percentage of exempted students has remained reasonably constant. The figures ranged from 28 per cent to 38.7 per cent. An exemption can be attained by having a Grade 13 English course with a mark of 70 per cent, university English, or a score of 80 of a possible 172 on the Nelson-Denny comprehension test, plus an average of three on two written essays.

Test results have shown that some students have difficulty expressing their thoughts on paper. Of 235 exempted students for the 1977-78 school year, 167 were able to meet the requirements on both the Nelson-Denny test and the essay assignments.

The general consensus among instructors is that grammar is not taught and learned well enough in early years when writing habits are formed. Mr. Morgan said perhaps a solution would be to "bang people's heads against the wall. Drum it in."

Flicks for funds

Movie shows raise funds for U of W students' union

Weekend movie shows or all nighters were used to raise funds by the Federation of Students, the student council of the University of Waterloo.

Peter Benner, first year journalism, who attended the University of Waterloo three years, said movie attendance was so good at times that a double showing was held.

Movies were advertised with posters, campus radio, and by word of mouth. It was "great" for students who were short on cash and convenient for students living in residence at the university.

Movies can be booked at special rates for schools and colleges. Roy Maclean, agent for Warner Bros., Toronto, said it can be profitable, depending on the picture and the college.

The board of entertainment arranged the movies and provided a confection stand with chocolate bars, pop and other "cavity-forming" goods. Movies like One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Silent Movie, or science fiction films were shown.

The only real problem was when students began throwing the school paper or paper airplanes around, Peter said. This later was stopped when "ammunition" was taken at the door.

Movies for fun, not cash

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) has tried charging admission to movies shown at Niagara, but poor attendance put an end to it, said Jeff Adamson, SAC president.

SAC is not looking to increase funds, but to use available funds for student activities "for everyone's benefit," said Gail Caperchione, club convener. The movies shown the last two years were free of charge as a part of the winter festival.

A film festival was tried four years ago, but no one showed, and it has not been tried again. Last year The Pink Panther Strikes Again was shown during the winter festival and this year students crowded the Hamilton Room to watch Smokey and the Bandit.

Gail said SAC hopes to "at least break even" with student activities like pub nights, but they are not planned as a means of revenue or profit.

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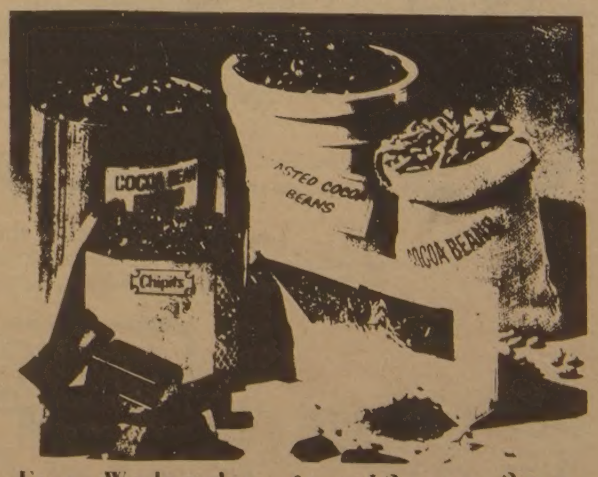

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Dentist canoes in rapids where Indians dare not go

By TIM BYNG
Staff Writer

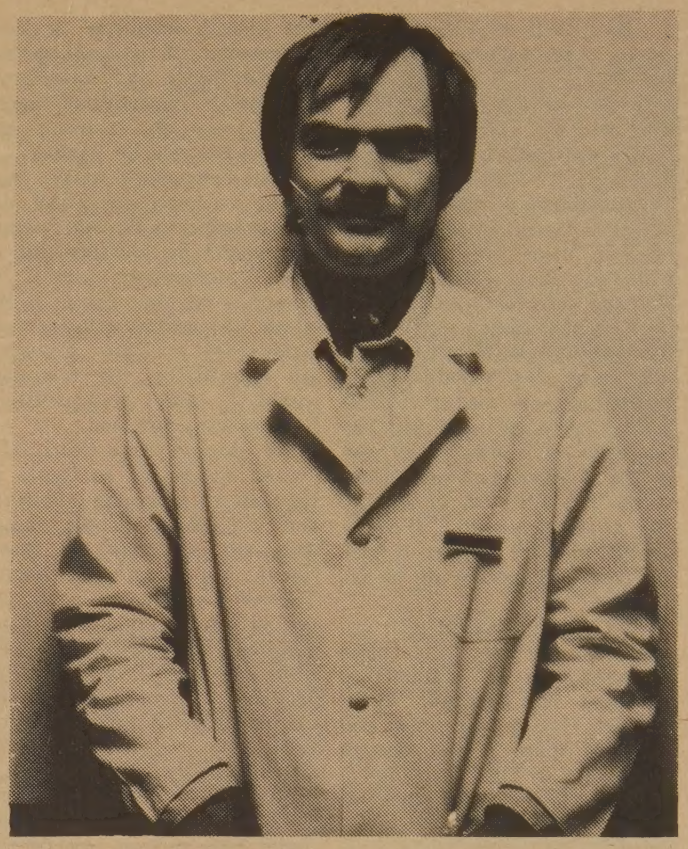
For many people, the idea of canoeing through miles of swirling rapids somewhere in northern Ontario may be just a fantasy, but for Dr. David Smith, 31, this dream became a reality.

Dr. Smith, a dentist who teaches students in the Dental Assistant program, completed a two-week, 225-mile canoe trip down the Wakwayowkastic River last summer.

"I like getting outdoors in the peace and quiet where there's absolutely nothing," he said. "But you have to be in tremendous shape to canoe 12 hours a day, and if you're not in good shape, you die."

Most of the six men who went on the trip had been canoeing "for quite a while," and during their trip, they made 100 portages and caught more than 300 fish.

They canoed north from Cochrane to James Bay, a trip only four people had successfully done before. Many were killed in the attempt, while some "gave up half way and were flown out."



DR. DAVID SMITH

TOO DANGEROUS

"The Indians won't even canoe the river, because it's too dangerous," Dr. Smith said. It was canoed once in 1972 by two Englishmen, and in 1976 by two men from British Columbia. "I consulted a few people, and everyone said we couldn't make it."

Dr. Smith made intense studies of the area prior to the trip, and had obtained accurate maps. "I always try to pick the worst rivers for my canoeing trips," he said.

During the trip, two of the canoeists were thrown from their canoes, and one wasn't found for an hour-and-a-half because he lost his camera in the rapids and was looking for it.

The men wore crash helmets and life jackets because of the rough waters; they rose every day at 6 a.m.

They entered areas that had never been explored before, and the wildlife in these areas was unbelievable. Dr. Smith said there were "moose, hawks, beavers and muskrats by the billions."

LIKE JUNGLE

The canoeists couldn't find their chosen starting point, so they settled for a small creek near Lake Abitibi. The creek was mosquito-infested and "like an overgrown jungle," Dr. Smith said. They canoed through "50 to 60 miles of beautiful fast water," but miscalculated and broke two canoes "in exactly the same spot." All the food, the fishing rods and the paddles were lost. Dr. Smith said they fibreglassed the canoes back together by suspending them in trees and using heat from fires on the ground.

Once on their way, the men canoed "at an incredible rate," and eventually arrived at a cabin containing provisions, which they called their Taj Mahal.

HIT WATERFALL

The canoeists encountered a waterfall, which marked the beginning of a 50-mile stretch of rapids. "We couldn't see the waterfall until we were right on it," Dr. Smith said. They portaged around it and into a stretch of "six to eight foot waves that were visible as far as the eye could see." The men canoed the rapids, but it took five days.

As they approached the Hudson Bay lowlands, the terrain became rocky and the water was shallow and full of gravel. "The land was all swamp," Dr. Smith said.

The final two days were spent on "solid canoeing" and the last day was bitterly cold. But Dr. Smith said he was determined to reach Moose Factory. The expedition ended when the men spent one day canoeing down the Moose River, and finally checked into a motel.

"I just love canoeing, because I can get away from society and relax," Dr. Smith said. But he wouldn't recommend such a trip to any canoeist unless he can canoe white rapids. "If you can't canoe white water, you're in trouble."

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SAC, city join forces to promote Rose Fest.

By PETER BENNER
Staff Writer

The Welland Rose Festival Committee and the Student Administrative Council (SAC), represented by Rosanne Garisto, vice president of external affairs, have combined forces for the first time to promote the city's annual Rose Festival, starting June 2.

At last year's first organizational meeting at the Heritage Council on Nov. 22, the festival committee installed Garisto as a director of the Rose Festival and Niagara College representative of the celebrations. She is assisting in the planning of various festival events.

On Nov. 22, SAC made a $500 donation on behalf of Niagara College students. SAC issued a still-standing challenge to youth in the community. To get involved with the city's premier celebration, any youth group could match the student body's contribution, Miss Garisto said.

The donation was the first made by any group to the 1979 festival. It was not discussed at a general meeting or voted on by class and division representatives until two days later.

Since being voted in as a director of the Rose Festival, Miss Garisto has initiated and suggested various activities for the Rose City celebration.

"We wanted to crown a Niagara College Rose Queen, but the stipulation was that she should be a Welland citizen," Garisto said. There is a recruitment process taking place to find hostesses from Niagara College to participate in different events, including Ethnic Day on June 23.

The college campus may be trod upon by participants of the June 23 16-kilometre (10-mile) marathon race through the Welland area. Barbara Fonfara, secretary for the Rose Festival committee, said part of the run might wind its way through Niagara College property.

Niagara's Graphic Arts department in the Black Walnut Building will be printing posters, registration forms and award certificates for the race, Miss Garisto said.

For individuals or community groups wishing to design and enter a float for the Rose Festival parade, skirting and other construction materials are available by contacting Miss Garisto at the SAC office, or by calling William Evans, festival chairman, at 735-2705 or 732-1311.

Some of the events have been only tentatively scheduled, but dates for festival activities will be confirmed on March 28 when the agenda programs will be printed, Mrs. Fonfara said. She said a publicity package is being prepared for a press conference on May 1. The next organizational meeting for the Rose Festival will be held March 28 at the Heritage Council office on Division Street at 7.30 p.m.

'79 Festival of Roses caters to everyone

The 1979 Welland Rose Festival, to be held June 2 to 24, will have "something for everyone," says Bill Evans, chairman of the Rose Festival committee.

The Rose Festival Committee has been making arrangements for 34 events, including a coronation ball, minor baseball tournament, a road rally, Folklore '79, Bavarian night, a drum corps contest and a parade. The committee started planning the events "as soon as the last festival was over," Mr. Evans said.

Heeding the suggestions made by people attending past festivals, the committee has added new events to the festival program. Three disco nights, a Miss Rose Princess contest, and a soapbox derby will be held for teenagers, and a master's bowling tournament for $18,000 and a tournament for the handicapped have been scheduled.

An old-fashioned wine and cheese party will be held on June 15 at the Rose Villa in Welland. Special guests at the party will be visitors from Sorel, Que., Welland's twin city, Mr. Evans said.

Another new feature of the 1979 Rose Festival will be 10 or 12 festival hostesses modeled after the hostesses at the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, who will help to publicize the festival.

A grant given to the committee by the City of Welland will help pay for a portion of the cost of the festival. The balance of the cost will be paid for with the money raised through the events held by clubs, such as the Jaycees. For helping advertise the events, the committee will receive half of the profits, Mr. Evans said.

Mr. Evans said that although his job as chairman demands much time and energy, the "culmination is worth it. Everyone has a good time." The festival brings visitors to the city and enables the citizens of Welland to become involved in activities in the city. About 30,000 people watched the Rose parade last year, Mr. Evans said.

The next public meeting of the Rose Festival committee will be held March 28. City residents are urged to attend the meeting since the committee has many jobs it can give to people.

Our first attempt

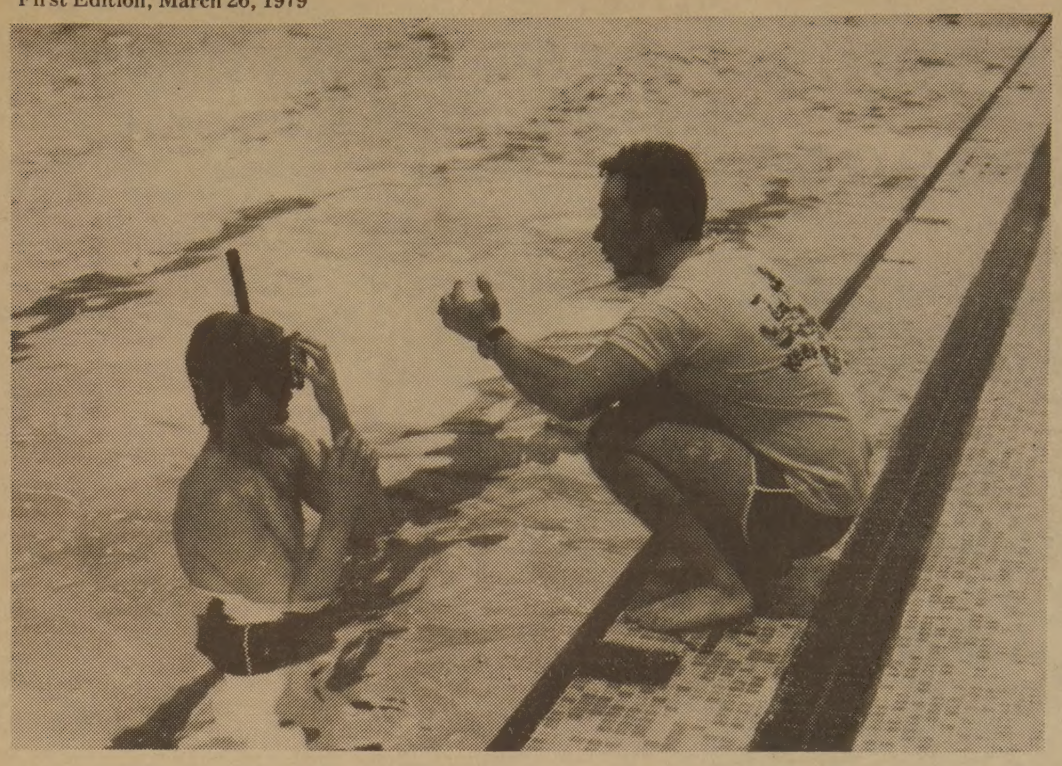
After six months of intense classroom work, the first year journalism students are ready to "strut their stuff."

Their first attempt at practical newspaper work is this 1979 First Edition.

For the past two weeks, members of the first year journalism class have been busy writing, typesetting stories, and taking photographs for First Edition.

Under the direction of Austin Jelbert, journalism coordinator, and Barbara Blue, journalism instructor, the first year students will produce the final two editions of the Niagara News this term.

The first year students would like to express their appreciation to the second year journalism students



A Niagara Seaway Scuba Club instructor discusses various swimming techniques with one of the many students enrolled in the Port Colborne scuba diving course. (Photo by Byng)

Diving safe as you make it, says scuba club instructor

By TIM BYNG
Staff Writer

Scuba diving is one of the safest sports a student can become involved in, and a local instructor has set out to prove this point.

Diving instructor John Moore, who teaches a 16-week scuba diving course in Port Colborne, said he tries to "impress upon students that scuba diving is a safe sport."

"Scuba diving is as safe as you make it, because your worst enemy is yourself and you have to provide your own reaction to an emergency situation."

Mr. Moore said he learned to dive in 1969 when he took an underwater course in St. Catharines, and he became a certified instructor in 1973. He was a commercial diver for seven years, but now dives "strictly for the fun of it."

His students meet every Wednesday evening at Lockview Park Secondary School, spending two hours in a classroom followed by two hours of instruction in the Port Colborne Centennial Pool.

Mr. Moore, along with the Niagara Seaway Scuba Club, teaches the basics of scuba diving, which includes the operation of the diving equipment and how it functions under various water pressures.

All equipment is provided, except for masks, fins, snorkels and weight belts. Mr. Moore, a St. Lawrence Seaway diver, said, "These are very personalized and must fit the individual diver," while the tanks and regulators are "universal in fit" and are usually rented or borrowed.

A final written exam and four open-water dives complete basic training, and at this point a student is certified as a basic scuba diver.

The diving program consists of three different levels, level two consisting of experienced scuba divers who encounter a wide variety of situations, such as rough water diving.

The third level is an advanced course that goes into more detail and involves complicated diving techniques.

Roger Graveline, 22, an Ambulance and Emergency Care student who has taken the basic course, said it's "physically strenuous but worthwhile in the end." He is at the second level of the program.

Mr. Moore said that when scuba diving "you should never hold your breath; you breathe normally." Should a diver hold his breath while ascending, he could get "air embolism," an air bubble blocking an artery or a vein.

A diver must avoid "the bends," which is a time-depth related problem, but this is "not so common as the movies play it to be," Mr. Moore said.

Another problem divers face is "hyperventilation," or rapid deep breathing, which can cause a diver to pass out. "It's all right for this to happen," Mr. Moore said, "as long as you're above water."

A good diving buddy is imperative, and should be "never further than touching distance, especially with novice divers," Mr. Moore said. In an emergency situation, a diver must consider the distance from himself to his buddy, and to the surface, and take the shorter route.

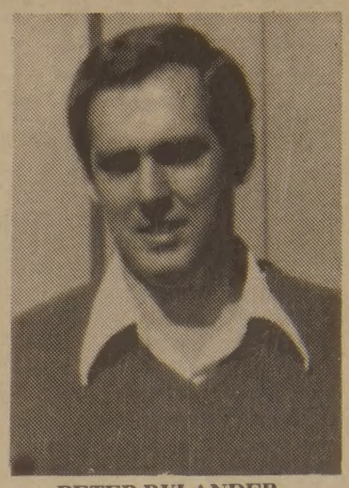
Mr. Moore stressed that the buddy system eventually becomes "a touching of the minds rather than a touching of the hands" because an experienced diver always knows where his buddy is swimming.

In the pool, the students learn proper swimming and diving techniques, and then graduate to snorkeling and finally scuba diving. "By the time they're finished in the pool, they have a thorough knowlege of their equipment," Mr. Moore said.

The students will have a "sense of what to do in an emergency in the back of their minds," he said, "so that when an emergency situation arises, there well be a moment of thought, followed by a reaction, and 99 per cent of the time this reaction will be the correct one," Mr. Moore said.

As far as safety is concerned, "the final decision comes down to the diver," he said. "When you're diving, you don't have to worry about anyone else but yourself."

Rylander more than athletic co-ordinator



PETER RYLANDER

Along with his duties as athletic co-ordinator, Peter Rylander holds positions with other athletic associations.

He is the Ontario College Athletic Association's senior convener for men's basketball. This position makes him the league disciplinarian, responsible for fines, penalties and suspensions. He informs other teams of any changes in league rules and regulations and prepares the annual league report of team standings and statistics, such as points and fouls per player.

As the college's athletic co-ordinator, he teaches some business fitness, law enforcement and hotel school classes and runs a course in recreational activities.

Intramural and varsity sports including badminton, tennis, curling and golf are also in his jurisdiction.

As if this isn't enough, he is also the Ontario representative to the Canadian College Athletic Association (CCAA).

He acts as a liaison between Ontario's 22 community colleges and the CCAA and informs them who the teams and players are and the statistics of each.

Elections will be held this spring at the annual meeting and Mr. Rylander said he is interested in serving for another term.

One of the few problems last season was the Ontario Public Service Employees Union support staff strike which cancelled a few games and scheduling prevented them from being played because the teams could not get together.

For 1979-80

Kuchyt heads IEEE exec.

By JIM COLYN
Staff Writer

John Kuchyt, a second-year computer technology student, was elected chairman of the Niagara College student branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (I.E.E.E.) last week.

The club elected its executive for the 1979-80 year last Tuesday. Michael Gruhl was elected vice-chairman; Jeffrey Davis, secretary; and Michael Hrycyshyn, treasurer.

The club is supported by the Student Administrative Council (SAC) and raises funds by means of Friday night pubs held in the Tecumseh lounge.

Although the drinks are inexpensive and a variety of music and food is provided free of charge, John said the parties have attracted very few students other than members of the club.

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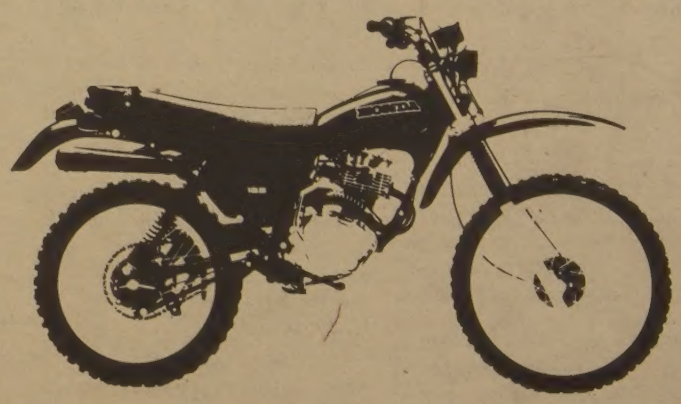

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Port farmers' market bone-chilling experience

By JOANNE DE LEEUW
Staff Writer

"It's a lousy way to make a living...standing here freezing your butt off," the disgruntled farmer declared.

The Port Colborne Farmers' Market might be a colorful part of the community, but for the participating merchants it can be a bone-chilling experience, especially in sub-zero temperatures.

Still early in the season, only a handful of farmers managed to brave the frosty winter weather March 16 to sell their goods at the market.

Though business is good in the summer, "you just try to make enough to get you through the winter," said Emiel Liston, a Welland farmer. "What's the sense in trying to sell produce in January and February, "you can't even make gas money".

Yet, there is little wonder for this lack of business, he said. "You've got to be a fool to go to a market in the winter." In the summer "it's different" when the prices are low and selection high, but "not now. If I wasn't in the business I wouldn't go."

With the arrival of the American cottagers in the Port Colborne area, business does pick up, but still, "this market is dead." Mr. Liston said. "It's better in St. Catharines."

A farming couple who seemed to be doing fair business selling everything from eggs and vegetables to homemade cider, admitted business was slow because of the cold weather. "Everything's froze," the husband said.

After 17 years of coming to sell at various markets, "we'll never get rich," he said, "but this is our living. Even if we were millionaires we still have to come."

Another regular at the market is the "fish man," a big, burly man who looks as if he would be right at home on a fishing vessel battling the raging sea off the Atlantic coast.

Spring is blooming at the Port Colborne market. (Photo by deLeeuw)

Coming from St. Catharines to Port Colborne for the past three-and-a-half years, his catch, mostly from Nova Scotia, includes eels, king fish, whole salmon, lobster, shrimp, and the piece-de- resistance, king crab legs, which at $6.95 a pound are "in high demand," he said.

For those not familiar with the art of eating crab legs, which have a "sweeter taste than lobster", he will give his customers hints on how to prepare them...five pepper corns, two bay leaves, in a pot of salted water...then get ready with a nutcracker to get to the meat.

Though the pungent smell of fish might be enough to drive some people in the opposite direction, one customer declared:"Whenever I need fish, almost every week, I get it here. I love it."

Still, everyone's favorite semed to be the little old Dutch man with the granny glasses, who has been coming to the Port Colborne market for the past 12 years with his van packed to capacity with beautiful flowers.

The most popular flowers, bought from different growers throughout the area beginning early in March, are carnations and roses, he said, but daisies and potted plants go well, too.

Most of the merchants make their living not at farming as one would expect, but by strictly peddling their own produce as well as goods bought from other farmers at the various markets throughout the peninsula.

The same merchants seen week after week in Port Colborne can also be found selling at markets in Welland, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, Hamilton, and occasionally, in and around Toronto.

Leaving books in closets costly habit for some

Creating a sense of responsibility in those borrowing library material is one of the reasons for the rigid enforcement of its policy regarding overdue books and fines, Stephen Kees, senior librarian, said.

Too many people leave the books in the cupboards, said Mr. Kees, who believes the library's systematic method of sending reminders to students is effective in retrieving overdue articles.

The library charges 10 cents for each overdue article for every college day, with a maximum fine of $1.50. After two weeks a reminder is sent out, followed by another a few days later if there is no response.

This notice informs the student that if material is not returned, college policy could allow for the withholding of grades and possibly the graduation diploma.

Due to the yearly loss of valuable material is not returned, the library must be persistant to stop misuse of the resource centre, and it was unfair for someone to tie up books another person might well use.

Mr. Kees said the security check-out system installed in 1972 reduces the number of books lost and stolen every year. He said the college's library was similar to and equally effective as any public library concerning their policies.

When a person fails to respond to the notices, the credit bureau is employed by the registrar's office to reclaim overdue material and issue fines. Mr. Kees said they are fairly successful in obtaining the articles.

A number of students said they feel the library's policy is too authoritarian. One first-year journalism student, unable to pay a 50-cent fine, said she was told to pay when she could. The library continues to bill her regularly, however.

Studio rocks on to jazz

By AMY THIBAULT
Staff Writer

The college's television studio really rocks every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. when the 18-member jazz band practises.

James Howard, Mohawk College's music instructor, travels from Hamilton each week to direct the musicians. The 10-week Continuing Education course was developed in September to give experienced jazz players a chance to practise and perform. Mr. Howard said he would like to see the band do two or three concerts a year.

The band placed third in the Canadian Stage Band Festival with a mark of 89 per cent. The other competing bands were full-time music students. The competition took place on March 4 weekend. The group has four trumpets, five trombones, six saxophones, a piano, bass, drums and a guitar.

Mr. Howard also directed the two first place winners, the Mohawk College Jazz Band and Mohawk's Thursday Night Dues Band, as well as the McMaster University Jazz Band, which placed third. Centennial High School was the scene of the Jazz Band's most recent concert, held March 14. They performed music by Duke Ellington, Henry Mancini, Thad Jones and other composers from 8 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Admission to the concert was free.

The jazz course is the first music course to be offered at Niagara College. The students study many musical styles, including those of Buddy Rich, Woody Herman and Count Basie.

Sign class cancelled as registration falls

By CHERYL KEECH
Staff Writer

A sign language course has not been held at Niagara College for two years because registration for the course dropped, said Gail Hilyer, chairperson of applied arts extension.

Signing skills was a course held at the college for parents of deaf children, interested friends, neighbors and college students. Profoundly deaf children need sign language for total communication.

Kathy Murray, second year Educational Resource Technology student, works at St. Mary's School for the Deaf in Belleville. She said the children are "happy and content because they can talk to each other." They feel free to sign at the school whereas at other schools, like Briardale in St. Catharines, the use of signs is not relied upon for communication.

"We felt we had met the needs of the community," Ms Hilyer said, so the course has not been offered since 1976.

Sign language is a 30-hour credit course which could be held at 4:40 p.m. or at night school. It can be run at two levels, beginners and advanced, and can accommodate a maximum of 15 students.

Ms Hilyer said the skill of sign language might be of interest to students in health and social sciences.

The Lincoln County Board of Education is holding one class per week next winter at Briardale, where Mrs. Murray will be teaching.

A course would not be held here next fall if the class were in competition with the Lincoln Board, Ms Hilyer said.

If members of the community and students express their interest, and a qualified teacher is found, the course will be run in the fall.

NPCA sponsors crafts at Ball's Falls, Vineland

By CHERYL KEECH
Staff Writer

Vegetable dyeing, weaving and tapestry techniques, and stitchery and quilting workshops will be sponsored by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority during the month of June at Ball's Falls Conservation Area.

Three-day workshops have been arranged from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. starting June 12, said Jozina Goldring, workshop convenor. The cost is $30 per workshop, including parking facilities.

All shops must have a minimum of 15 applicants, and all but vegetable dyeing can have a maximum of 20. Vegetable dyeing has room for only 17.

Vegetable dyeing is the first workshop for three days and it will be repeated from June 19 to June 21. Vegetable dyed threads are suitable for use in weaving, stitchery, rug hooking and knitting.

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The workshops are non-profit efforts put forth for the peninsula. If this year is a success, it may become an annual event, Mrs. Goldring said.

Niagara College is hoping to develop some courses to be offered in co-operation with the conservation authority.

For more information students may contact Jozina M. M. Goldring, R.R. #1, Ridgeville, Ont., LOS 1M0, 892 5233.

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